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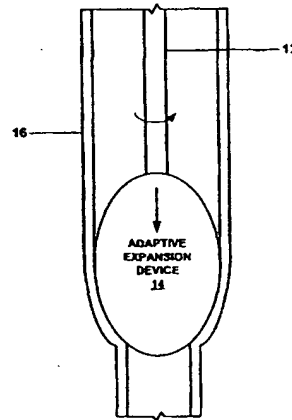
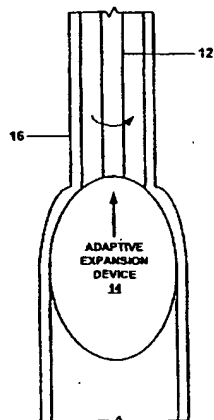
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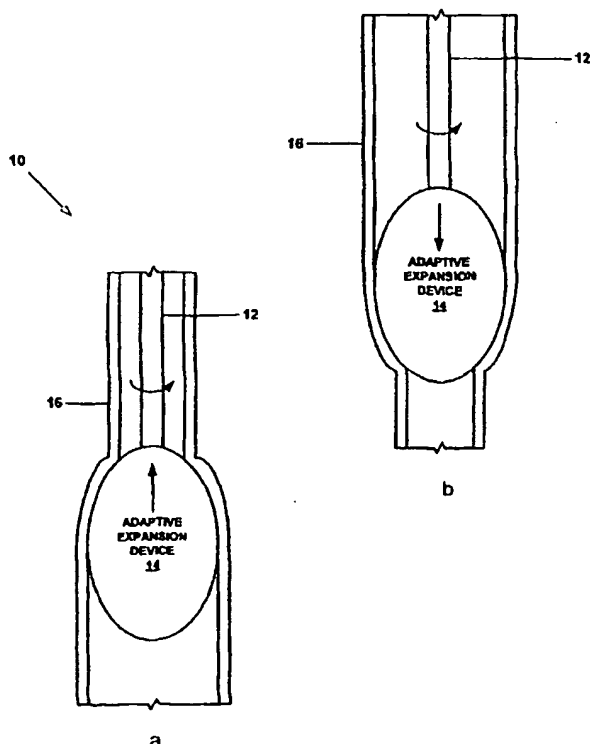
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24. The method of claims 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, or 17, wherein radially expanding and plastically deforming the tubular member using the adaptive expansion device comprises:
displacing the adaptive expansion device relative to the tubular member in the longitudinal direction.

25. The method of claims 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, or 17, wherein radially expanding and plastically deforming the tubular member using the adaptive expansion device comprises:
rotating the adaptive expansion device relative to the tubular member.

26. The method of claims 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, or 17, wherein radially expanding and plastically deforming the tubular member using the adaptive expansion device comprises:
applying a pressurized fluid to the interior surface of the tubular member.

27. The system of claims 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, or 18, wherein the means for radially expanding and plastically deforming the tubular member using the adaptive expansion device comprises:
means for displacing the adaptive expansion device.

28. The system of claim 27, wherein the means for displacing the adaptive expansion device comprises one or more degrees of freedom.

29. The system of claim 27, wherein the means for displacing the adaptive expansion device comprises a plurality of degrees of freedom.

30. The system of claims 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, or 18, wherein the means for radially expanding and plastically deforming the tubular member using the adaptive expansion device comprises:
means for radially expanding and plastically deforming the tubular member using a hydro-forming device.

31. The apparatus of claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, or 16, wherein one or more of the expansion device segments comprise:
one or more expansion surfaces; and
an actuator coupled to the expansion surfaces;
wherein the actuator comprises a plurality of degrees of freedom;
wherein the actuator comprises one or more rotary actuators; and

wherein one or more of the expansion device segments comprise:
one or more hydro-forming devices.

32. The method of claims 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, or 17, wherein radially expanding and plastically deforming the tubular member using the adaptive expansion device comprises:
displacing the adaptive expansion device relative to the tubular member in the longitudinal direction;
wherein radially expanding and plastically deforming the tubular member using the adaptive expansion device comprises:
rotating the adaptive expansion device relative to the tubular member; and
wherein radially expanding and plastically deforming the tubular member using the adaptive expansion device comprises:
applying a pressurized fluid to the interior surface of the tubular member.

33. The system of claims 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, or 18, wherein the means for radially expanding and plastically deforming the tubular member using the adaptive expansion device comprises:
means for displacing the adaptive expansion device;
wherein the means for displacing the adaptive expansion device comprises a plurality of degrees of freedom; and
wherein the means for radially expanding and plastically deforming the tubular member using the adaptive expansion device comprises:
means for radially expanding and plastically deforming the tubular member using a hydro-forming device.